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## **COUNTY REPORTS ON INDIAN GAMING, DEVELOPMENT** ***Study of Casinos and Other Development on Tribal Land Goes to Board of Supervisors***

The final report by the County of San Diego on the impacts of casinos and other development projects on local Indian reservations is now available; it likely will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in April.

The report, entitled Update on Impacts of Tribal Economic Development Projects in San Diego County, follows an earlier study completed in November 2000.

The updated report is intended to assist the Board of Supervisors in making informed policy decisions; learn more about each of the 17 tribal government in the region; and to outline the potential impacts and benefits from casinos and other tribal developments. Since November 2000, five new casinos and a 30-slot arcade have opened; three gaming facilities have been transformed into destination resorts, with a fourth opening this summer; the County has received a number of environmental assessments prepared by the tribes for their projects; three cooperative agreements have been negotiated with tribes; 17 fee-to-trust annexations have been completed or are in process; the Governor has decided to seek more revenue sharing from the tribes; and renegotiations of the tribal-state gaming compact have begun.

Also, many of the County's 17 tribes have provided information about their government, members, services provided, economic enterprises, state and regional impacts of their enterprises, relationships with local governments, neighboring communities and the region, and the issues and challenges they face.

Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Cecille Caballes at the Department of Planning and Land Use, (858) 694-3817. The report is also available on the County's Web site at <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/lueg/>.

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